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UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
LAW CLASS 1886

MINUTES
OF
REUNION



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ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN
JUNE 11 - 12, 1926

**UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
LAW CLASS 1886**

**MINUTES OF REUNION
OF JUNE 11 AND 12, 1926
ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN**

1886! Now 1926! Forty Years Out of School!

The preliminary arrangements for the reunion—our Fortieth Anniversary—had been in the making for many, many months. The main event is now on.

Wednesday, June 9, 1926.

Dudley of Colorado Springs left his home in time to stop and spend the night with his old roommate. We bundled up the letters and files and met Crawford of Memphis in Chicago; spent the night together; then Thursday, June 10, 1926

ON TO ANN ARBOR

In 1921 no arrangement had been made for meeting in Chicago; the trains were running in two sections; without knowing it members were scattered in four different cars on two different trains. This year, through the kindness of the Passenger Department of the Michigan Central chair cars were reserved for us on the 10:30 A. M. train. At the depot Crawford, Dudley, Doe, Farrar, McMillen, May (W. A. F.), Garrigues and Moffit—eight—had a great meeting. Margaret Moffit Platner, who lives in Evanston, came to the depot and said she wanted to meet "that class of cutthroats and thieves" that she had heard so much about. She met them.

The Train Is Off—We Are All Seated Together

Breck got on the train at Jackson. On arriving at Ann Arbor the aggregation was met at the station by Spears, Gill, Richter and Aldrich with autos and drove us to our headquarters.

Gov. and Mrs. Gill had arrived from California Wednesday morning. Spears, the General Manager, and his wife came Thursday morning, and Mr. and Mrs. Gardner arrived during the day. When we reached the dormitory Crozier and his daughter were there to greet us.

Our good friend Spears had been on the job early and late and made arrangements to quarter us in the Betsy Barbour House, a girls' dormitory just across State street from the Law Building. The men registered and were quartered on the fourth floor. The wives and daughters were well taken care of in the Helen Newberry residence, next door. We are all under lasting obligations to the Michigan Committee for the time and labor on this matter. Our hostesses were Miss Ruby Howe, Director of the Betsy Barbour House, and Miss Nell M. Royer, Director of the Helen Newberry residence. Spears was not satisfied in making the finest arrangements we have ever had in all being quartered in one place, but as he loves his meals so well he thought everyone else did the same and had provided a dining room at the Michigan Union with tables set in a hollow square. Dinner was served at once, and

the Roll Call was, Crawford, Gardner, Garrigues, May, Aldrich, Breck, Doe, Gill, Crozier, Richter, Spears, Farrar, Dudley, Searl, Neiman, McMillen, Moffit - - - - - 17
 Brunson came in during dinner—now - 18
 Afterward Houder arrived—now it's - 19.
 We then found Hooper, who had driven through bringing his wife and niece. Pickens was found wandering around the streets. And E. C. Miller came for his first reunion. Dresbach came in with his son Jim who graduates, and just before bedtime Merithew blew in. You know old Hank has never missed a reunion. Now we are 24. This was a goodly gathering for the night before—it was not the morning after. They have rules in the Dormitory; in the midst of the visiting at 11:30 the gong sounded. That means the same as the nine o'clock curfew where your secretary lives. We all had to get away fast.

Friday, June 11.

Breakfast—Just like a big family—the same as at home—coming in one at a time.

10 o'clock: Roll Call, Listen. Now present - 32.

Arrangements had been made to call upon the Alumni Secretary, Mr. Wilfred B. Shaw. In addressing him the class spokesman said:

"The law class which graduated from your University to become a member of your Alumni Association forty years ago has returned today.

We come from many states, we represent all classes of business—not just lawyers. At our homes we are probably just as busy as you are but we have taken this week off to come back and show you, Sir, that we have a real honest to goodness organization. We come from ocean to ocean; from Minneapolis to Albuquerque.

We ask that we may be permitted to register as guests of the University. First, we ask that,

Mr. James Albert Crawford, of Memphis, Tenn., our President, register;

Then, in the order of the distance from which they come:

Gov. J. B. Gill of San Bernardino, Cal., a banker
 W. A. F. May, of Los Angeles, Cal., connected with the Santa Fe System;

P. J. Bannon, of Portland, Oregon, a lawyer;
 Chas. H. Dudley, lawyer, Colorado Springs, Col.
 A. B. McMillen, lawyer and big business man, Albuquerque, N. M.;

A. O. Crozier, business man, New York City;

Fred B. Shepherd, banker, Oswego, N. Y.;

Then all the rest of us from intermediate points.

It has been the custom of our class since Dr. Angell's time to call on the President, at an hour convenient to him. The class spokesman in addressing Dr. Little, said:

"The law class which graduated from your great University in '86 has returned today, after an absence of forty years. You have had many larger classes but we challenge them all when it comes to organization and loyalty to the University. We graduated 116; 47 have passed to the Great Beyond; 3 are unaccounted for; 66 are still living; 34 men from 16 states now appear

before you to receive your blessing. We come 'bearing you glad tidings of great joy' and bid you Godspeed.

"We present, Mr. James A. Crawford of Memphis, Tenn., our President."

Dr. Little responded in a very happy manner and said many nice things—the most of which we did not deserve.

It will be recalled that at our first reunion, after reading the list of our deceased, we all stood as a mark of respect. When the minutes of this meeting went out McKenzie (who had never been at a meeting) wrote and proposed that at the hour of eleven A. M., on the first day of the reunion, the ceremony of standing in respect to the dead be observed, and that the class members, wherever they were, although not present at the reunion, should at the same moment observe the same ceremony. This has been done at each reunion. Since the first reunion we have learned that in addition to standing we should face East.

At this time, eleven A. M., several members of the class, hearing the clock strike, called our attention to the hour. The class stood, faced the East and said a word of silent prayer for the 47 of our members who had joined the innumerable throng; 14 of them passed away since our last reunion.

We then returned to Room D of the Law Building. The minutes of the reunion of June 27 and 28, 1921, were read. On motion of Doe the class stood in acknowledgement of the work of the Secretary, and the minutes were approved.

Crozier and Avery were appointed to advise with Dr. Hutchins as to hours of meeting with him. Spears asked how long the reunion would probably last; he needed this information to complete his arrangements. On motion, formal session to close at 4 P. M. Saturday.

Dr. Hutchins' letter of July 14, 1921, read:

"Such a letter as you write under date of July seventh, warms the heart. Although you say that it does not require an answer, I must give myself the pleasure of assuring you and, through you, the members of Eighty-six Law, of my great appreciation of the courtesy extended to me by the Class upon the occasion of the recent reunion. If possible I shall be with you again in 1926.

"With kindest regards and best wishes, I remain

"Most sincerely yours,

H. B. Hutchins."

And also his letter of March 1, 1926:

"I have received a copy of your letter of February 27th to the Law Class of '86 and have read it with interest. It was most kind of you to send it. Yours, I am sure, is the banner class in the matter of reunions. Your stimulating letter is certain to bring results. With best wishes for the fortieth anniversary of the class, I remain

"Most sincerely yours,

H. B. Hutchins."

The committee reported that Dr. Hutchins would meet us at two o'clock.

Two letters from Dr. Burton were read:

"September 19, 1921.

"Your splendid letter of July 7 was answered by my Assistant under date of July 9. Upon my return from my vacation, I have been going through my mail and I have read with the keenest interest your letter and the attached report. You may be assured that the University of Michigan is very proud of the Law Class of 1886 and you also may be very sure that nothing has touched me more deeply than the beautiful way in which your class paused in my office at eleven o'clock to pay their respects to the memory of the men who can no longer meet with them. It seemed to me like a remarkably beautiful and fine thing and I felt it an honor to be able to have even a slight share in it. I hope that we may all be here to receive you in 1926 when you come back for your next reunion. If, in the meantime, there is any service which we can render to you, please do not fail to command us. Believe me,

Very sincerely yours,
M. L. Burton."

"May 4 1922.

"I have received today a copy of your letter of April 25 addressed to Secretary Shaw of the Alumni Association. You say that you expect no answer from us but I want to thank you for sending me a copy of the letter and to express my great appreciation that you are showing this active interest in bringing about a happy fortieth anniversary of the Law Class of 1886.

"Believe me, with deep appreciation of this type of loyalty and with cordial personal greetings,

Very sincerely yours,
M. L. Burton."

Garrigues moved that the present officers—Crawford, President; Spears, Vice President; Moffit, Secretary and Treasurer; and Houser, Assistant Secretary and Treasurer; be elected as permanent officers, for life. Discussed and carried.

The question of how we got along without assessments was asked; there was no bill for stationery or postage put in. Scouton, who was in attendance for the first time, said he would not stand for the class receiving postage or other from any county, state, or principality. Someone in the class looked in vain all through the different minutes and found no record of an assessment; and still the class is not broke. At one time, however, the bank account was down to \$2.26.

Picture to be taken at 1:30. Recessed until 1:30.

Lunch at the Michigan Union.

Walser came in. Now present - - 35

Reconvened at 1:30; Picture taken.

At 2:00 P. M. Dr. Hutchins came in.

It will be recalled that he came to the University in the fall of 1884—when we came. At that time he was just lecturing—Equity Jurisprudence. And how those of us who were not very good students did hate that subject! We can now look back at the men in our class who were interested and good in this subject and see that they are our best lawyers.

Dr. Hutchins said that he was now nearly eighty years old; out of school fifty-five years; and celebrating a reunion with his class! Not in good health.

Mr. Crozier said that the Doctor had enshrined himself in our lives; that he is our only Honorary Member; he came to the University in 1857. The Doctor's was a most interesting talk. It having been his first class he said he was better acquainted and remembered many of us by name.

A list of those who have died since the reunion of 1921 was read, as follows:

(Chronologically)

1. Edgerton, John Myres; July 17, 1921; at Negaunee, Michigan.
2. Hamilton, James William; Feb. 19, 1922, at Omaha, Nebraska.
3. Kendall, Winthrop Reed; July 18, 1922; at So. Berlin, Massachusetts.
4. Hogg, Edward Everett; Nov. 22, 1922; at Versailles, Kentucky.
5. Lawson, James Marshall; March 11, 1923; on Santa Fe Limited.
6. May, Calvin Dexter; April 9, 1923; at Clinton, Iowa.
7. Jolly, James Gladstone; May 1, 1923; at Tacoma, Washington.
8. Martin, James Charles; November 14, 1923, at Chicago, Illinois.
9. Stephens, Martin Bingham; Jan. 7, 1924; at Johnstown, Pennsylvania.
10. Huntsberger, Isaac Newton; July 26, 1924; at Battle Creek, Michigan.
11. Stewart, Joseph Henderson; Oct. 12, 1924; at Washington, D. C.
12. Evans, Robert Emory; July 8, 1925; at Lincoln, Nebraska.
13. Lukehart, George Alexander; Aug. 3, 1925; at Dubois, Pennsylvania.
14. Lamison, Jason Gordon; Sept. 8, 1925; at New York City.

Then another list read, arranged alphabetically, of all members of the class who have passed away:

Alphabetical Death Roll, June 1, 1926,
U. of M., Law '86

Ames, Michael Edward; died at Phoenix, Arizona, Feb. 29, 1916.

Andrews, Stanley Corwin; died at Conneaut, Ohio, Oct. 31, 1918; buried at Conneaut, Ohio.

Brady, George Andrew Callahan; died at St. Vincent's hospital, Portland, Ore., Aug. 7, 1905.

Burlingame, Lettie Lavilla; died at Joliet, Ill., December 12, 1890.

Carlson, Charles Henry; died at Santa Cruz, Cal. June 26, 1906; buried at Hampton, Iowa.

Clak, John Wharton; died at Garfield Hospital, Washington D. C., October 12, 1916; buried at Manchester, Iowa.

Cross, James Edmund; died at Chicago, Ill., May 19, 1909; buried in Bohemian National Cemetery, Chicago.

Dimmitt, George Zoppar; died at Denver, Colorado, August 9, 1903; buried at Fairmont cemetery, Denver.

Edgerton, John Myers; died at Negaunee, Mich. July 17, 1921; buried at Negaunee, Mich.

Evans, Robert Emory; died at Lincoln, Neb., July 8, 1925; buried in Graceland cemetery, at Sioux City, Iowa.

Gillespie, John Wesley; died at Shamokin, Pa., Dec. 19th, 1916.

Haggerty, William H.; died March 31, 1904, at Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Hamble, Charles Brook; murdered at Holton, Kansas, June 14, 1894.

Hamilton, James William; died at Omaha, Neb., February 19, 1922; buried at Omaha, Neb.

Healy, Thomas Davis; died at Ft. Dodge, Iowa, January 15, 1909; buried at Ft. Dodge, Iowa.

Hibner, George Everard; died at Lincoln, Neb., June 7, 1913.

Higgins, Francis Grant; died at St. Vincent's hospital, Portland, Oregon, Nov. 15, 1905; buried at Missoula, Montana.

Martin, James Charles; died at Chicago, Illinois, November 14, 1923.

Hogg, Edward Everett; died at Versailles, Ky., Nov. 20, 1922; buried at Versailles, Ky.

Hostetter, Frank M., died at New Castle, Ind., Dec. 25, 1919; buried at Walkerton, Ind.

Hull, Edward Everett; died at Flagstaff, Ariz., July 7, 1894.

Huntsberger, Isaac Newton; died at Battle Creek, Mich., July 26, 1924; buried at Inglewood cemetery, Los Angeles, California.

Ishii, Yasnoskeh; died at Odawara, Japan, February 14, 1901; buried at Fukuyama, Bingo, Japan.

Jolly, James Gladstone; died at Tacoma, Wash., May 1, 1923; buried at Tacoma, Wash.

Kendall, Winthrop Reed; died at South Berlin, Mass., July 18, 1922; buried at Mound Grove cemetery, Kankakee, Illinois.

Lamison, Jason Gordon; died at New York City, Sept. 8, 1925; buried at Kensico, New York.

Lawson, James Marshall; died on the Santa Fe Limited, March 11, 1923; buried at Oak Hill cemetery, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Lee, Roger Miller; died at Denver, Colorado, Sept. 2, 1909; buried at Ravenna, Ohio.

Lukehart, George Alexander; died at Dubois, Pennsylvania, August 3, 1925; buried at Rumbarger cemetery, Dubois, Pennsylvania.

Marquardt, William Lewis; died at Port Angeles, Washington, May 25, 1908. Buried at Port Angeles, Washington.

May, Calvin Dexter; died at Clinton, Iowa, April 9, 1923; buried at the Springdale cemetery, Clinton, Iowa.

Miller, Charles Frederick; died at Chicago, May 20, 1891; buried at Pawling, Dutchess Co., N. Y.

McDonald, William Archibald; died at Seattle, Wash., Dec. 10, 1913; cremated; ashes buried at Bay City, Michigan.

McNamara, James; died at Mt. Clemens, Mich., October 30, 1920; buried from residence, Detroit, Michigan.

Nye, Robert Allen; died at Winimac, Ind., January 25, 1894; buried at Winimac, Ind.

Oglebee, Rollo B.; died at LaPorte, Ind., Aug. 17, 1908; buried at Plymouth, Ind.

Peele, Charles Edward; died in Philadelphia, Penn., November 22, 1889.

Sarvis, Charles Edward; died at Columbia Sanitarium, Seattle, Wash., May 12, 1918.

Shaw, John Clarence; died at Oaks Sanitarium, Denver, Colorado, January 23, 1911; buried at Bay City, Michigan.

Shiveley, Benjamin Franklin; died in Washington D. C., March 14, 1916; buried at South Bend, Indiana.

Stephens, Martin Bingham; died at Johnstown, Pennsylvania, January 7, 1924; buried at Dilltown, Pennsylvania.

Stewart, Joseph Henderson; died at Washington D. C., Oct. 12, 1924.

Sullivan, John Emmet; died at Detroit, Mich., August 2, 1915.

Talcott, William Harvey; died at South Lyon, Michigan, April 5, 1917; buried at Ypsilanti, Mich.

Wendell, William Worth; died at Pontiac, Mich., May 9, 1913; buried at Holly, Mich.

Wright, Francis; died at Lake City, Mich., October 10, 1904.

Many letters read.

Report of Treasurer received, audited and approved, showing a balance of \$206.89.

The story of the very successful career of Haff was told by his fellow-citizen Farrar.

Letter from Lydick read. He has quit the practice and is living on a small fruit farm and writing daily editorials for a newspaper.

Walzer told of Lydick calling on him and said Lydick wanted to come back to the fortieth and fiftieth reunions.

Pickens was back for the first time; he is engaged in the land business in Southern Georgia; said he had some few words with Edgerton and now one of the things he remembered was Edgerton waving at him and the last man he saw as he went away from Ann Arbor forty years ago. Said he had seen only Aldrich, Crawford and Walzer in the forty years.

Farrar, back for the first time, talked about Kansas City; just read the last railroad guide and you will see what he said.

Kraus was called home by a telegram.

Shepherd moved adjournment because of the dinner hour. Sat at the table until ten o'clock and were finally driven to bed by the gong.

Saturday, June 12; 10 A. M.

Roll Call; Munn just came in; had arrived home from a trip around the world; his first reunion. At this time those who had answered the roll call numbered - - - - - 36

Major H. M. Bates, the long-time Dean, called on us and told many things about the Law Department—what they are doing—about its prospects and the benefactions of Mr. Cook and some of the things they had in mind that would probably be well along toward completion by our next reunion.

McMillen moved for an expression of approval for all of the work done by the different committees, especially the Michigan committee on entertainment; and this committee was continued. He also moved that the next reunion be held in June, 1931.

Crozier started to talk about Richter but as someone said there was nothing to talk about he decided to talk off the subject—talk—you know Crozier can talk on any subject or off any subject.

Doe, attending his first reunion, talked very kindly about his four years' experience in Ann Arbor, two in the law—and was full of appreciation at being one of our class.

E. L. Smith had to leave for home.

Adjourned for lunch.

McMillen, at the close of lunch—without invitation—arose and told a little about his far-off country and earnestly urged each member of the class to always call on him when passing through.

Richter, in appreciation of the reunion, said that while this was his first, all the Secretary ever needed to do again was to give him the date, that he wouldn't need to write him any letters.

Munn from far-off Washington told us of his travels and to different members of the class he expressed his pleasure at returning, for the first time, after forty years; said it wouldn't be such a hard task to get him back at the next.

Haff's picture, and a very fine one, (he was at the time in old Mexico) was handed about the table.

Avery said he had gone back to his old town and commenced to practice July 5, 1886; and was still at it. Was glad to meet Pickens and liked Shepherd, Boyd and Doe very much. His son Alex was at lunch with him.

Garrigues said he went to Minnesota in 1887; married; one daughter; his wife had recently died. Was much interested in social work.

Doe from Stillwater—Boyd suspected that he was out on parole.

Shepherd flirted with Lady Luck for some time but finally settled in Oswego, the most beautiful city in the United States. Was a member of the Harbor and Dock Committee to enlarge harbor to receive lake carriers; a most interesting talk about lake and ocean shipping. Married; no children.

Crozier disagreed with Shepherd on the canal question.

Garrigues said it would be impossible for Shepherd and Crozier to agree on any water question.

Garrigues, Brunson, Gardner and Avery left the diningroom.

Scouton, Neiman, May, Volney Miller and E. C. Miller were quartered on the lawn in front of the building.

The meeting was called together but only for the purpose of gathering up the loose ends. The Secretary had brought with him his file cases, letters having been preserved from every man since the class graduated. He had also collected many clippings about the different members—some about their successes and some about their reverses; there were obituary notices about all the departed members; and all of these were properly arranged according to date, fastened together, and kept in the files. Not a single file but what was called for by some member; these were handed out to the inquiring classmates and hours were spent in reading the life histories of many of the class.

Now was the task of gathering up all these letters and files and getting them back in their places—not in regular order because that had to be put off for a later date; but the members of the class were, I think, just as much interested in not losing a single item or clipping as was the Secretary; the seats and floors were searched so that nothing should be lost.

The formal reunion was over; those in automobiles left for their homes.

Saturday evening; the meeting continued for those waiting for trains; Neiman, Houder, Merithew, Crozier, (and Miss Crozier), May, Pickens, Crawford, McMillen, Doe, Boyd, Moffitt—11; ordinarily this would not have been a bad number for a regular reunion. This goodly number continued their reminiscences until about ten o'clock when all started for the different points of the country.

Every one who was present during the reunion promised he would make every effort to get back in 1931.

With the many things that there were to look after, the Secretary has noted the various activities as best he could; many things have been left out, for which he will be sorry; and he is extremely grateful for the help rendered him in making this reunion the success it has been.

Members have attended the different reunions as follows:

Aldrich—1906, 1911, 1916, 1921, 1926.

Andrews—1906.

Avery, Lincoln—1906, 1911, 1916, 1921, 1926.

Bannon—1926.

Boyd—1916, 1921, 1926.

Breck—1906, 1911, 1916, 1921, 1926.

Brunson—1896, 1906, 1911, 1916, 1921, 1926.
 Clary—1921.
 Crawford—1906, 1911, 1916, 1921, 1926.
 Creveling—1911.
 Crozier—1896, 1916, 1921, 1926.
 Doe—1926.
 Dresbach—1921, 1926.
 Dudley—1916, 1926.
 Edgerton—1906.
 Evans—1916, 1921.
 Farrar—1926.
 Gardner—1921, 1926.
 Garrigues—1921, 1926.
 Gill—1926.
 Helmick—1921.
 Hogg—1906, 1916.
 Hooper—1916, 1926.
 Houder—1906, 1911, 1916, 1926.
 Humphrey—1921.
 Huntsberger—1896, 1911, 1921.
 Kline—1896.
 Kraus—1911, 1916, 1926.
 Lamison—1906.
 Lydick—1906, 1911, 1916.
 Mason—1906.
 May, C. D.—1906, 1916, 1921.
 May, W. A. F.—1921, 1926.
 Meeker—1906, 1921.
 Merithew—1896, 1906, 1911, 1916, 1921, 1926.
 Miller, E. C.—1926.
 Moffit—1896, 1906, 1911, 1916, 1921, 1926.
 Munn—1926.
 McMillen—1906, 1916, 1921, 1926.
 McNamara—1896, 1911, 1916.
 Nieman—1896, 1906, 1911, 1916, 1921, 1926.
 Pickens—1926.
 Prewitt—1916.
 Richter—1926.
 Scouton—1926.
 Searl—1896, 1906, 1911, 1916, 1921, 1926.
 Servis—1896.
 Shepherd—1906, 1916, 1921, 1926.
 Smith, E. L.—1911, 1916, 1921, 1926.
 Spears—1896, 1906, 1911, 1916, 1921, 1926.
 Stephens—1896, 1906, 1916, 1921.
 Sullivan—1896, 1906.
 Talcott—1896, 1911.
 Walser—1911, 1926.
 White—1896, 1911, 1916, 1926.
 Wolfe—1906, 1916, 1926.
 Wright—1906.

Total—Year 1896	15
Total—Year 1906	24
Total—Year 1911	20
Total—Year 1916	30
Total—Year 1921	28
Total—Year 1926	36

REMEMBER THE NEXT REUNION—1931

Tipton, Iowa, May 5, 1931.

JAMES A. CRAWFORD,
President.

JOHN T. MOFFIT,
Secretary.

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